

## **Gods Timing**

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Seeking God to provide peace, certainty, hope, growth and love during this worldly situation is the perfect way to spend our time as we are encouraged to minimize our connection with others. God can use this time to heal our relationship with Him, to acknowledge His presence and power, to repair our broken hearts and minds, to slow down and re-prioritize our lives. We merely need to allow His presence to receive His grace and mercy.

We have been truly blessed this year. The need for assistance has never been greater in the history of SOLM. God has continued to provide new donors when many have had to stop their support. We have continuously accepted applications for assistance when many organizations closed. We upgraded our website at the end of 2019, just in time to create and publish an online application. We are so very grateful for the continuation of His Ministry, for our donors, and for individuals needing assistance. The opportunity to minister has been so rewarding and many new friends have been made.

## **Financial Update**

January 1 - July 31, 2020

Total Income \$130,400
Total Program Services \$83,776
Number of Applications 436
Number of People Helped 623

## A Time for Everything

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1 NIV

During our current times, we must remember that God is fully in control and we must remind ourselves and others that He is the Ultimate Author of Heaven and Earth.

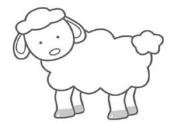
We encourage you to continue reading Ecclesiastes 3, and discover that every season of activity is only possible with a preceding activity.

Something cannot die without being born; uproot cannot occur without planting; to be healed requires injury; building requires destruction; laughing relieves crying; dancing replaces sorrow: stones cannot be gathered until they have been scattered; one cannot refrain from embrace without first embracing; giving up is not possible without beginning; discarding cannot happen without possession; mending is necessary when a tear has occurred: silence occurs when speaking ceases; hate requires love; peace is unknown without disruption

<sup>23</sup> Again I say, don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights. <sup>24</sup> A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people. <sup>25</sup> Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they will learn the truth. <sup>26</sup> Then they will come to their senses and escape from the devil's trap. For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants. 2 Timothy 2:23-26. NLT

Make time for the quiet moments as God Whispers and the world is LOUD.

## Lambs recently helped



Single young mother fleeing an abusive relationship.

Veteran who is wheelchair bound needed help getting off the streets.

Family of 5, moved for a job transfer only to be laid off within 30 days of moving.

Families with 3 generations living together due to unemployment.

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. Ecc. 3:11

This past week I had the privilege of speaking with a young woman. We had a short game of phone tag for a few days but when we connected, it was such a blessing to both of us. This young mother of two fled to Oklahoma to be with her mother in order to escape an abusive relationship only to find out her own mother had also been in a similar situation. They found themselves homeless for a short while. They both secured their own housing and she had started training for a new job. She had food, a bed for her daughters, a sofa for her to sleep on, a roof over their head, however, their laundry had been stolen from the laundromat the week before. She was still full of hope and excitement for this new season in her life. Despite all that she had recently been through her spirit was calm, humble, and gracious. She clearly understood God's timing and provision. We helped with her utility needs as well as a gift card to purchase clothes and household items for her and her children. When I met up with her to deliver the gift card, her first response was to reach out and give me a big hug, this was one of the tightest and longest hugs I have had in a long time! We prayed, thanked God for our blessings and we will connect again soon.

THIS is why I believe in Shepherds of Love Ministries.

Because of Him,